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The Honorable Reed Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St., NW, Rm. 814
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

This letter is in support of the Comments of the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) in the matter of Implementation of Section 19 of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, Annual Assessment of the Status of Competition in the Market for the Delivery of Video Programming, CS Docket No. 94-~~98~~₄₈.

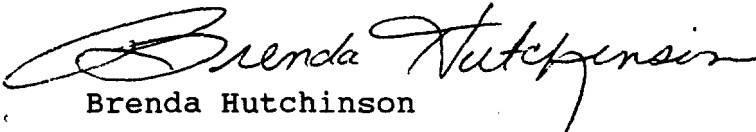
I am a rural utility and NRTC member delivering television programming to rural consumers who are not and probably will never be served by cable. These rural families have no other choice than satellite for receiving television service.

I feel that we should not be charged a higher price for programming than the cable companies. I believed that Congress had already solved this problem two years ago with the passage of the 1992 Cable Act.

Discriminatory pricing hurts both Skyway Rural Communications and the consumers that do not have any other choice for programming other than satellite. They and we should not be charged higher rates than those with access to cable.

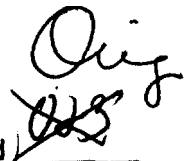
I thank you for your attention and action on this matter.

Sincerely,


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The Honorable Senator Patrick J. Leahy
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

I am writing this letter to voice a concern I have regarding the implementation and enforcement of Section 19 of the 1992 Cable Act by the Federal Communications Commission.

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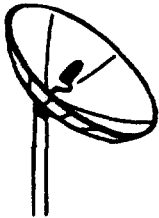
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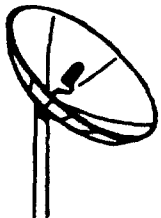
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